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TAC Minutes, 7/11/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 7/11/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, John Lentz, Evan Litwin

Members of the Public Present: none

- Administration.
 - Minutes of 6/13/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Wayne (DPW) submitted a written report of DPW activities. Downing Square about to go out to bid, construction to follow this season. Forest Street construction is near completion. He asked Corey about parking regulations on Forest St. Corey responded that Forest St. is too narrow to allow on street parking.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that a level funded 2 year federal transportation bill was just passed in Congress. She is working with the GIS coordinator to get aerial photos that will show sidewalks around schools, and should have a sample of Ottoson for the August meeting. MassDOT has returned most of their comments on the 75% Mass Ave Corridor design. We are aiming to get 100% design plans back to them in September. The project is scheduled to be advertised in March, 2013.
 - Corey (Police) reported he has received some requests to review residential parking areas for posting 2 hour limit. He has also received complaints about trucks on Warren Street, which is part of the designated truck route for Thompson School rebuild. Elisabeth requested summer traffic data near the Res (Lowell St). Corey responded that there is a radar speed sign in the area, and increased enforcement in the summer. He will place counters there if possible.
- Parking Study. Laura reported that Adam Chapdelaine has asked TAC to start a parking study for Arlington Center, and do as much as it can without funding. Funds could be requested for next fiscal year if needed. Working Group will be Laura (lead), Scott, Jeff, Howard, Paul and Corey.
- Forest/Brand. The Selectmen referred to TAC a request to look at pedestrian safety at this intersection. Working Group will be Wayne, Corey and Elisabeth.
- CLAMP. Draft plan for the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Route 60 was submitted to MassDOT Highway Div. for feedback. Draft plan maintains both parking and bike lanes, with 10' travel lanes. Initial reaction from

MassDOT was negative, but staff will be meeting with Highway Division to discuss further.

- Mass/Water/Spengler. Accident reports show minimal accidents, and none involving pedestrians. Recommendation is to maintain restrictions on left turns, and check data again in 2 years to see if pedestrian accidents were reduced. **Recommendation voted unanimously.** Will be submitted to Selectmen after Scott adds a caveat on the uncertainty in the count data.
- Flags. Elisabeth reported that Working Group met and discussed new locations. Looking to install right after school starts.
- Jason Street cut through traffic. The Selectmen have asked TAC for a broader review of this issue. Working Group (Rich-lead, Ed, Jeff, Howard) will have a conference call to develop a plan of attack.
- Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Working Group met and is collecting data. Opticom appears to have been installed.
- Schools.
 - Peirce—Elisabeth submitted sidewalk and infrastructure requests.
- Route 60/Mystic Valley Parkway. Scott suggested we follow up on the letter sent by the Town Manager regarding pedestrian safety. Wayne will check back with DCR engineer, and gather data on pedestrian activity and crash data from State.
- Mill Street flashing beacon at bike path crossing. Part of traffic mitigation for new residential project at former Brigham's site. Wayne has not heard back from traffic consultant. Laura will check in with developer.
- Thermoplastic. Wayne reported that everything on the high priority list is installed, and money is gone for now. Hoping to request more funds for next year.
- Town Day. Some ideas for Town Day booth: Explanation of flashing beacon for bikeway, CLAMP plan, Thompson School plan, List of intersection and streets we have worked on, Advocate articles.
- Wayne reported that he got a request through Request/Answer to add a stop sign control at Wildwood/Field Road. Howard noted that 3 way stop sign at the nearby Wildwood/Lockeland intersection does not conform to MUTCD recommendations. We agreed that it would be worthwhile to put these intersections on the agenda of a future meeting.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for July: Agenda, 7/11/12; Minutes of 6/13/12; Working Group List, 7/11/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 7/11/12; Individual Action List from 7/11/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 7/11/12; "Proposed Parking Study Scope" 6/28/12; Memo to Board of Selectmen From TAC Re. Performance of No Left Turns to Mass. Ave. at Water Street and Spengler Way, dated July 15, 2012, with attachments; Memo to Board of Selectmen from TAC, Re. Crashes on Old Mystic at Hutchinson, dated July 16, 2012; Email from Wayne Chouinard to Jeff Maxtutis and Ed Starr, Re. Forest/Brand, dated June 19, 2012; Email from Dan Warren to Wayne Chouinard Re. Thermoplastic crosswalks, dated June 27, 2012; Memo to Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise and TAC from Marie Krepelka Re. Safety @ Brand and Forest Streets, dated May 8, 2012; Email from Elizabeth Guyer to Marie Krepelka Re. Safety at Brand and Forest Streets, dated 4/18/12; Memo to Arlington Redevelopment Board from Transportation Advisory Committee Re. Post-Occupancy Evaluation of CVS Impact on High School Pedestrians/ Traffic, dated June 21, 2012, with attachments;
- Memo to TAC From WAC, Re. TAC Update Items, dated July 11, 2012
- Three Small Infrastructure Projects—Peirce School Grounds
- Arlington Police Department, Site Code: 32 Academy Street

- Mass. Ave. @ Water Street/Library Way (Spengler) Crash Data, 10/1/2011 to 6/30/2012